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# H. R. 3896

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 1994

Miss COLLINS of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Minority Health Pro-  
5       motion and Disease Prevention Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**

2 Title XVII of the Public Health Service Act (42  
3 U.S.C. 300u et seq.) is amended by inserting after section  
4 1707 the following section:

5 “DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING MINORITY  
6 HEALTH

7 “SEC. 1707A. (a) IN GENERAL.—

8 “(1) AUTHORITY FOR PROJECTS.—In providing  
9 for demonstration projects under section 1707(b)(4),  
10 the Secretary, acting through the Deputy Assistant  
11 Secretary for Minority Health, may make grants to  
12 public and nonprofit private entities for the purpose  
13 of carrying out demonstration projects to provide  
14 preventive health and health promotion services to  
15 racial and ethnic minority groups.

16 “(2) PRIORITY REGARDING LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS.—Projects under paragraph (1) shall give  
17 priority to low-income individuals.

18 “(3) ALLOCATION OF PROJECTS.—In making  
19 the initial grants under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
20 shall ensure that not less than 2 demonstration  
21 projects under such paragraph are carried out in  
22 urban, distressed communities and not less than 1  
23 such project is carried out in a rural community.

24 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—  
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1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The purposes for which a  
2 grant under subsection (a) may be expended include  
3 the following:

4 “(A) Planning, coordination and provision  
5 of health promotion and disease prevention  
6 community services, including screening, detec-  
7 tion, diagnosis, and risk-reduction activities.

8 “(B) Improving the recognition, assess-  
9 ment, treatment, and clinical management of  
10 preventable diseases.

11 “(C) Developing and disseminating health  
12 education materials and curricula for patients,  
13 for elementary and secondary students and  
14 their parents.

15 “(D) Designing self-help programs for par-  
16 ticipants to improve his or her individual capac-  
17 ities to maintain health and manage and pre-  
18 vent illness and disease.

19 “(E) Providing technical assistance to pro-  
20 viders.

21 “(2) RESTRICTIONS.—A grant under subsection  
22 (a) may not be expended—

23 “(A) for construction of facilities; or

1           “(B) for the provision of services to indi-  
2           viduals for benefits covered, or for costs that  
3           are reimbursed, by other Federal programs.

4           “(c) REQUIREMENTS.—Grantees shall be required  
5 to—

6           “(1) submit an application assuring fulfillment  
7           of the requirements of this section;

8           “(2) contribute 30 percent of the total project,  
9           unless the Secretary waives such requirement upon  
10          demonstration of extreme hardship or severe need;

11          “(3) develop a health assessment and health  
12          promotion/disease prevention action plan, in con-  
13          sultation with and with the agreement of, for each  
14          person served;

15          “(4) develop a plan of self-sufficiency before the  
16          third year under which the grantee would continue  
17          the program without Federal funds;

18          “(5) provide assurance that funds will only be  
19          used for the purposes specified in the application;  
20          and

21          “(6) establish accounting procedures to assure  
22          proper use or disbursement of funds.

23          “(d) EVALUATION.—Grants may be awarded for 3  
24          years and may be renewed. For renewal, the Secretary  
25          shall evaluate projects on the basis of their effectiveness

1 in reducing the incidence of disease and death among ra-  
2 cial and ethnic minority groups.

3 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
4 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
5 to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal years  
6 1995 through 1997. Such authorization is in addition to  
7 the authorization of appropriations available for such pur-  
8 pose under section 1707.

9 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

10 “(1) The term ‘preventive health and health  
11 promotion services’ includes medical and medical-re-  
12 lated services intended to promote health mainte-  
13 nance, prevent illness, eliminate health hazards,  
14 produce early detection of disease, and inhibit dete-  
15 rioration of health.

16 “(2) The term ‘distressed community’ means a  
17 community in which a high percentage of families  
18 are low-income and there is pervasive poverty, as de-  
19 fined by the United States Department of Labor,  
20 and general economic distress.”.

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